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SUBJ: IRANIAN HANDLING OF PLANE INCIDENT WITH PDRY

REF: MUSCAT 1587

1. AS OF 12:30 LOCAL TIME DEC 22, SHAH TOLD ME THAT
IRAN WAS STILL HOPING TO GET ITS HELICOPTER PILOT BACK FROM
THE PDRY. IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS NOT AWARE OF INFORMATION
CONTAINED REFTEL. AS INDICATED IN SEPTTEL, F-4 PILOT, MAJOR
JALALI, AND BODY OF HIS CO-PILOT HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED
IN TEHRAN.
2. SHAH'S DESCRIPTION TO ME THIS MORNING OF HIS TWO-TRACK
APPROACH TO F-R SHOOT-DOWN IS NOW WELL-KNOWN TO US INTELLI-
GENCE COMMUNITY VIA OTHER SOURCES. HE STATED THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO FURTHER PRESSURE OR THREATS NOW THAT THE
PDRY HAS PROMISED TO RETURN THE HELICOPTER PILOT IN ADDITION
TO SENDING BACK THE F-4 FLYERS. WHEN I INQUIRED AS TO
WHAT THE SHAH PLANNED TO DO ABOUT THE WRECKAGE OF THE
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F-4, HE REPLIED THAT SINCE THERE WAS SECRET EQUIPMENT
ABOARD THE PLANE, HE WANTED THE WRECKAGE TO REMAIN WHERE
IT WAS OR TO BE HAULED OUT UNDER SAUDI AUSPICES OR WITH
SAUDI OBSERVERS PRESENT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO IRANIAN
SHIP COULD ENTER PDRY TERRITORIAL WATERS UNLESS IT WERE
FLYING THE SAUDI ARABIAN FLAG. HE APPEARED TO HAVE NO

OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE IF IT COULD BE WORKED OUT.

3. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SHAH NOW FEELS THAT THIS EPISODE
IS OVER AND THAT ANY REMAINING DETAILS CAN BE WORKED
OUT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS.

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